

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE**  
**RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held March 3, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chris Anderson	Chad Anderson	Torry Brean (Arr. 7:05)
	Matt Deskovick	Scotty Ensign	Bob Hailey
	Carl Hickman	Eb Hogervorst	Kristi Mansolf
	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel
	Angus Tobiason	Richard Tomlinson	

Excused Absence: Kevin Wallace

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

**ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m.**

**ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 3: DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (Mansolf)** – The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present.

**ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes** –Kevin Wallace had an excused absence.

**ITEM 5: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)**

Ms. Mansolf announced that the Secretary of the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) said the TAC could not make the findings for radar certification for San Vicente Road 1 mile east of Wildcat Canyon and extending to Barona Mesa Road, so the speed limit will remain 45 mph without radar certification. The Ramona Village Design Committee will host speaker Dan Cayan, a long range climatologist with Scripps Institute, at their March 10 meeting at 7 p.m. The Ramona Forum asked us to announce that at their next meeting, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Library they will have a speaker on How to Avoid Foreclosure, History, and How to Protect Yourself.

The Chair said he was happy to be meeting at the Ramona Library. There is a kitchen available, and he would like to see finger foods served by local vendors at each meeting starting at 6:30. When roll call votes are necessary, the order will be called according to table setup, which will change monthly. The Chair welcomed Lt. Julie Sutton and Jess Allensworth from the Ramona Sheriff's Substation. He reminded everyone to complete and send in their Form 700. The deadline is March 31.

**ITEM 6: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Ensign brought forward the McDonald cell site from the East Subcommittee for the Consent Agenda. The new cell site will be next to an existing Verizon cell site. The motion was to approve

the revised plot plan to include full branch count, with antenna socks and extended branches over the antenna.

**MOTION: TO ADD ITEM 11-C-1 TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Breaan and Kevin Wallace absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PROPOSED.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2-3-11 (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 11-0-3-0-1**, with Chris Anderson, Torry Breaan and Richard Tomlinson abstaining, and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)**

Speaker: Bernie Thompson, Ramona Resident

Mr. Thompson is processing a lot split on Haverford Road. The Transportation/Trails Subcommittee asked for a pathway between the street and the fence. Mr. Thompson requested to be put on the RCPG agenda next month to ask to waive this requirement.

**ITEM 10: Reconsideration of the Motion from 2-3-11 on B & D Street 1-Way Directional Traffic Due to New Information. Motion Was “We Request that the 12 Foot Added Easement Put on B & D Street, as Requested by a Previous RCPG be Removed, Because We are No Longer Entertaining 1 Way Directional Traffic on B & D Streets”. Should the Vote to Reconsider Pass, Vacating Portions of B & D Streets May Be Discussed/Considered (Action)**

Ms. Mansolf said there was new information from the County on the easements on B and D Streets that was not considered last month before action was taken on this item.

**MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2011, ON B & D STREET 1-WAY DIRECTIONAL TRAFFIC (SEE ABOVE MOTION).**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 12-1-1-0-1**, with Angus Tobiason voting no, Torry Breaan abstaining and Kevin Wallace absent.

Mr. Deskovick said that he went to the County and looked up the records for the easement for B Street. Originally the easement was 60 feet. In the 1940's, all commercial and industrial areas were changed to require 72 feet for access. Mr. Deskovick saw where B and D Streets were changed to 72 feet. Last month we thought an easement had been added in the 90's to allow for 1 directional traffic on B and D Streets when we considered this issue.

Ms. Anderson said the discussion for 1 way directional traffic started with charettes in the early 90's. There was discussion on taking the load off Main Street. She remembers the RCPG approving 1 way directional traffic on B and D Streets in concept. The idea was discussed by other groups, but there was skepticism over whether it would work. Most recently she discussed this issue with Rob Llewellyn.

Mr. Stykel felt other groups should be consulted before further action is taken.

Mr. Hailey doesn't remember the RCPG supporting the concept.

Mr. Brean feels support for the idea has died.

**MOTION: TO WITHDRAW THE FEBRUARY 3, 2011, MOTION ON THE B & D STREET EASEMENTS.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 13-0-1-0-1**, with Richard Tomlinson abstaining and Kevin Wallace absent.

**MOTION: TO REMOVE SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF B & D STREETS FOR 1 WAY DIRECTIONAL TRAFFIC.**

Upon motion made by Chris Anderson and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 13-0-1-0-1**, with Paul Stykel abstaining and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 11: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)**

**11-B: WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)**

**11-C: EAST (Ensign)(Action Item)**

**11-C-1:P10-035, McDonald Major Use Permit at 24709 Sutherland Dr. 15.01 Acres. Portion of the Scenic Highway. AT&T is Proposing Installation of 12 Panel Antennas and 24 TMA's on a new 40-foot Faux Monobroadleaf Tree adjacent to an Existing Verizon Wireless Site. Equipment to be enclosed in a 12 by 20 foot Pre-fabricated Concrete Shelter Surrounded by a 7-foot high Wall.**  
*Approved on the Consent Agenda*

**11-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)**

**11-E: GP Update Plan (Anderson)(No Business)**

**11-F: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)**

**11-G: Transportation/Trails (Sprong)(Action Items)**

**11-G-1: Update on Proposed Public Transportation Changes in Ramona by  
LaVonna Connelly**

Mr. Sprong said Ms. Connelly made a presentation on the proposed changes to bus route #386, Ramona to Escondido. A motion was made to send a letter to NCTD supporting public transportation by NCTD in Ramona, particularly with regard to consistent, available transportation between Ramona and Escondido.

Ms. Mansolf presented a draft letter based on Ms. Connelly's report. She added that a flex service is being added but no prices are available for either the scheduled service or the flex service, and prices are a big concern.

**MOTION: TO SEND LETTER TO NCTD ON PROPOSED CHANGES, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Angus Tobiason, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace absent.

**11-G-2: Request by J. Mohr from 2-3-11 Meeting to Review Haverford for  
Safety due to Concerns Regarding Speeding**

Mr. Sprong said the subcommittee heard from Ms. Mohr on the dark streets in that area at night, especially by the stop sign at Elm and Haverford. She would like to see measures taken to make the road and the intersection safer, such as signage, re-striping and lowering the speed limit to 40 mph. Mr. Hickman had brought collision history for Haverford Road – in the past 6 years, 3 collisions were reported. Speed data was collected on February 15 by the County – 1400 cars per day went in and out of the area, 700 each way – making it equal. There was one collision at the intersection of Haverford and Elm in 6 years. Crosswalks are not possible on Haverford. There was also discussion on an equestrian crossing, which Mr. Hickman said the County will not support. The subcommittee recommended the RCPG sends a letter to the County in support of an enforceable speed limit of 45 mph along Haverford Road. The data supports a 45 or 50 mph speed limit.

Speaker: Joelle Mohr, Ramona Resident

Ms. Mohr apologized for not mentioning Elm and Haverford at the first meeting she attended. She said the survey was done during the day. Most of the speeding is done from dusk to dawn. Neighbors have put up fences. A 45 mph speed limit is perfect for her. But no speed limit is posted and so people go 50 mph. Cars pass by school buses while they are loading and unloading children at the bus stop. She thought rumble strips and lighting would help to slow people down.

Mr. Hickman said law enforcement needs to have a speed limit they can support. A posted speed limit doesn't mean it is enforced. To be enforceable, the data has to support the speed limit. Usually it is the neighbors speeding, especially when the counts are balanced like they are for Haverford.

Mr. Stykel asked how people know the speed limit if it is not posted?

Lt. Sutton said that the speed limit is 55 if it is not posted.

Mr. Anderson suggested the residents put up their own signs. These will stick better in people's heads.

**MOTION: TO SEND LETTER TO THE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF AN ENFORCEABLE SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MPH ALONG HAVERFORD ROAD.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace absent.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM A SAFETY EVALUATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF ELM STREET AND HAVERFORD ROAD TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SAFETY (I.E., RUMBLE STRIPS, LED ILLUMINATED STOP SIGN, ETC.) AT THIS INTERSECTION.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 10-4-0-0-1**, with Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Torry Brean and Richard Tomlinson voting no, and Kevin Wallace absent.

**11-G-3: Review of Recommendation for All Way Stop at Ramona St. and Hanson Lane (TAC Item 3-11-11)**

Mr. Sprong said the item was discussed but no action taken. The intersection serves 4 schools and is overloaded. The striping on the road is unclear.

Mr. Hickman gathered traffic data since the Transportation/Trails meeting. Traffic volumes are unusually high. Westbound Hanson has 4600 cars a day, with 3800 cars going southbound on Ramona Street and 1400 cars going northbound. The peak is from 7 to 8 a.m., with 700 cars per hour going westbound, 400 going southbound and 235 going northbound. In the past 6 years there have been 15 accidents involving northbound motorists on Ramona Street and motorists turning left from Hanson Lane, with 4 in the past 4 months. Mr. Hickman feels after reviewing an all way stop at this intersection, it would create more traffic, especially in the morning. Mr. Hickman made the following motion:

**MOTION: TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO THAT STATES THAT AT THIS TIME THE CPG IS OPPOSED TO THE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE SUBJECT INTERSECTION; HOWEVER, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TASKS IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SAFETY:**

- 1) PERFORM PEAK HOUR TURN MOVEMENT COUNTS TO GET A MORE DETAILED LOOK AT TRAFFIC PATTERNS;**
- 2) REMOVE WHAT APPEARS TO BE LIMIT LINES ON THE NB & SB APPROACHES;**
- 3) INSTALL “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” SIGNAGE ON THE POLE THAT HAS THE EXISTING STOP SIGN FOR THE WB APPROACH AND ON THE POST THAT PRESENTLY CONTAINS THE ARROW SIGNAGE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION;**
- 4) INSTALL AN OVERSIZED STOP SIGN FOR THE WB APPROACH;**
- 5) CONSIDER INSTALLING A STREET LIGHT IN THE INTERSECTION TO MAXIMIZE VISIBILITY; AND**
- 6) 6 MONTHS AFTER PERFORMING TASKS 1-5, RE-EVALUATE THE INTERSECTION FOR THE ALL-WAY STOP CONDITION AND CONSIDER STRIPING AND SIGNAGE FOR PREDOMINANT FLOW.**

(Discussion)

Mr. Tomlinson does not agree with using limited County resources for people who already know where the traffic controls are. Additional signage will only help new people.

Ms. Mansolf remembered when Ramona Community School (RCS) relocated from Montecito Road after the old Hanson Lane Elementary School was remodeled. Access used to be on Hanson, and buses were available. RCS doesn't use buses. Access was changed to Ramona Street and the RCPG brought the matter to the attention of the County and asked for a left turn lane to be installed to access the school after the RCS opened on Ramona. This was one of the few changes that have impacted the intersection over the past several years.

Speaker: Jess Allensworth, Ramona Resident

Mr. Allensworth lives in the area of the schools. He thinks a streetlight and LED elements would help. The schools altering their start and release times would also help. He said there is the need for crossing limit lines. There will be a 4-way backup if a 4 way stop is installed.

(Voting)

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 13-1-0-0-1**, with Richard Tomlinson voting no and Kevin Wallace absent.

There was discussion on sending a letter to the School Board to ask them to add more time between school start and start times so traffic would be staggered.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE RAMONA SCHOOL BOARD TO REQUEST THEM TO REVIEW SCHOOL RELEASE TIMES WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING TRAFFIC ON RAMONA STREET (WITH TRAFFIC DATA). WE RECOMMEND AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES SEPARATION OVER WHAT THERE IS NOW FOR START AND RELEASE TIMES.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace absent.

**11-G-4: Consideration of Requesting the County to Remove Obstructions in County Right of Way along Ramona Street Easement, Boundary to Dye**

Mr. Sprong said the item was discussed but no action was taken. Mr. Brennecke was at the Transportation/Trails meeting, and he disputed the County easements and said the discussion to remove obstructions was premature. Asphalt berms have been installed to prevent motorized vehicles to pass along the easement. Some fences have been installed since the early 1980's.

Mr. Tomlinson said he thinks putting up fences over unused easements has happened all over Ramona.

Mr. Sprong said if there are trails, the County has to maintain them and assume liability

Mr. Tobiason said the RCPG has approved Ramona Street a couple of years ago. There are fences and corrals on the easement. This easement should be open to children.

Mr. Stykel said we need to be clear on what we want to accomplish. There needs to be a plan to follow and a reason why things are done.

Mr. Ensign said he wants to see the easement from the County on Ramona Street. There seems to be a dispute.

Ms. Anderson said we have seen the easement and it is clear. She doesn't see the need for urgency to remove the obstructions.

**MOTION: TO ASK THE COUNTY TO GET THE RAMONA STREET EASEMENT OPEN FOR ACCESS, BOUNDARY TO WARNOCK, FOR NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC.**

Upon motion made by Angus Tobiason and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **failed 2-11-1-0-1**, with Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Scotty Ensign, Bob Hailey, Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Kristi Mansolf, Jim Piva, Dennis Sprong, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson voting no, Torry Brean abstaining, and Kevin Wallace absent.

**11-G-5: Discussion of Time and Date for Public Workshop to Evaluate Current Intersection Design of Hwy 67/Highland Valley/Dye Intersection**

Mr. Sprong said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee decided to hold the Highland Valley/Dye/Hwy 67 workshop on a night during the second week of April, at 7. Neither Mr. Sprong nor Mr. Hickman wanted to chair the meeting, so the RCPG Chair will chair it. Mr. Hickman said it would be an open forum for residents.

**11-G-6: Consideration of Requesting help to Improve Safety of Roads for Bicycles on Highway 78 from Weekend Villa Rd. to the bottom of the Grade; Highway 78 from Magnolia to the Border Patrol Check-point in Ocotillo; Highland Valley Rd. from Salida del Sol to Pomerado Rd.; and Old Julian from Vista Ramona to Highway 78**

Mr. Sprong said there were 3 speakers addressing the subcommittee on the bicycle safety issue. People get upset with bad cyclists. Some felt this issue was outside of our purview. Many felt there is the need for outreach to help people learn how to navigate the country roads. Mr. Sprong said the subcommittee needs more information, and he would like to table this item until more information is available.

**MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION (ON BICYCLE SAFETY).**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Kevin Wallace absent.

**11-H: DESIGN REVIEW (Chris Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board**

Ms. Anderson said the Design Review Board reviewed a Chevron remodel. They approved the letter of support for Community Development Right of Way Standards. The KFC bucket is still there – it was supposed to come down. Signs can't be internally illuminated. The feather signs are illegal and still going up. They have been in a battle with Code Enforcement over these signs.

Foodland did not renew their lease, and the site will be shared by a Fresh & Easy and a small box Big 5 Sporting Goods.

**11-I: Village Design Committee Meetings (Brean, Stykel)**

Mr. Stykel said there was no meeting. Future funding was approved so the Village Design Plan can continue. They will be able to hire Howard Blackson to finish the project.

**ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)**

- A. Report on SANDAG Meetings – No Report**
- B. RCPG Hosting a Workshop to Identify Areas of Ramona that Flood During Rain Events for Compiling Future List – Update**

The Chair announced Supervisor Jacob will have a meeting in her office to discuss flood control issues in Ramona.

Speaker: Ernie Filla, Ramona Resident

Mr. Filla was there to speak about Wellfield Park flooding. The water comes down Ash and hits the storm drain which dumps the water at the back of the field. This area can't be walked in after it rains. The water didn't stop flowing for 3 days after the rain in October. When the water flows through the Park, the kids can't practice. They have lost 1 field to water.

Speaker: Linda Berman, Ramona Resident

Ms. Berman has been reading in the Ramona Sentinel about people getting permission to dig their ditches out. She said that real culverts and real solutions are needed. Denny's is under water when it rains. There used to be a pond where Denny's is. She feels much of the Raymond/Kelly area was developed without addressing flooding.

Speaker: Jerry Berman, Ramona Resident

Mr. Berman said last July they went to the Planning Commission to discuss the upzoning of the Raymond/Kelly area. They were concerned with it going from 2 dwelling units per acre to 15 dwelling units per acre, especially with the flooding that occurs in this area. At the hearing, he brought up the CVS pharmacy and was informed later that CVS does not impact the apartments. Yet the back parking lot of the apartments has flooded since CVS was built.

Ms. Anderson said she thinks the ballfields are in the floodway.

Mr. Deskovick said the stream beds are a safety issue and some people live in them. The Sheriff has to run them out.

Mr. Tomlinson is aware of Lakeside getting help with flooding issues through Supervisor Jacob and others. A consultant has been hired and he thinks efforts are moving forward.

- C. Update on Community Development Right of Way Standards – Letters of Support**



Ms. Mansolf said she has received letters of support from the Design Review Board and Ramona Trails. The Village Design Committee has the item on their upcoming agenda.

**D. Update on Safe Routes to Schools Program**

Ms. Mansolf learned that this program will possibly open in the fall of 2011. The County says that school districts are the most successful in applying for these funds.

**E. Consideration of Writing a Letter of Support to the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Committee, for Mural Project**

Speaker: Chris Anderson, Ramona Resident

Ms. Anderson said that she is part of the Ramona HEART Murals committee that is promoting this project. Elaine Littleton is the director, and Ms. Anderson felt the letter should be addressed to her with a copy going to the Chamber of Commerce. They have identified many buildings in the community that would be good candidates for murals: Stephanie Norvell's building, the Turkey Inn, Firehouse and the Food and Clothes Closet. There will be a call for artists from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. The murals will help make Ramona a destination.

Mr. Ensign said he was concerned with graffiti.

Ms. Anderson said a surface can be put over the mural on the building.

Mr. Hickman asked if the businesses were in favor of the project?

Ms. Anderson said there is no cost to businesses. They have received many calls. Their goal is to start with 5 murals in the first year, and have 20 to 25 in 5 years.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MURAL PROJECT TO RAMONA HEART MURALS AND THE CHAMBER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 11-0-1-1-2**, with Angus Tobiason abstaining, Chris Anderson stepping down, and Torry Brean and Kevin Wallace absent.

**F. Deference of Community Plans Issue at Board of Supervisors 2-9-11. Consideration of Writing a Letter in Support of Community Plans**

There will be a Steering Committee meeting at DPLU on March 4, 2011, to discuss the deference of community plan issue. Supervisor Ron Roberts made a statement at the recent Board of Supervisors GP Update hearing that undermines community plans. The Steering Committee will be discussing a response. There are also concerns that community planning and sponsor groups may be eliminated.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING PLANNING AND SPONSOR GROUPS AND COMMUNITY PLANS (WITH EMBELLISHMENTS.)**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)**

**A. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action)**

Mr. Sprong asked the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee about limiting the membership. They want to see the subcommittee limited to 12 seats for 12 months. Mr. Wallace has asked to be on their reserve list.

**B. Agenda Requests**

Mr. Walsh has asked to be on the next agenda regarding the McCandless TM on Keyes Road. He wants to discuss pavement requirements. Mr. Thompson has asked to be on the agenda for a pathway requirement for his TPM on Haverford Road.

**C. Concerns of Members**

Mr. Sprong said that regarding the introduction at the beginning of the meeting, he would like to see it shorter or under Administrative Matters

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf